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## RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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The present communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on August 19, 2003 (Paper No. 9) and is timely filed within two months of the mailing date.

No claims are amended in this response. A list of all pending claims is presented on the pages immediately following. Accompanying this response is a Terminal Disclaimer over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,423,831; 6,184,360; and 6,005,081.